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SUBJ: SUDANESE MEDIATION ETHIOPIAN/SOMALI BORDER PROBLEM

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN KHALID FEB 6, I INQUIRED RE STATUS SUDANESE MEDIATION EFFORTS RE ETHIOPIAN/SOMALI BORDER PROBLEM. KHALID REPORTED IMMEDIATE SITUATION HAD IMPORVED IN RECENT WEEKS, THANKS IN PART TO GOS EFFORTS. HOWEVER, BASIC PROBLEM REMAINED. WHILE IT HAD BEEN THOUGH LAST FALL THAT SEVEN-MEMBER HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEDIATION COMMITTEE MIGHT BE CONVENED TO RESOLVE ISSUE EARLY THIS YEAR, DETERIORATION ETHIOPIAN/SOMALI RELATIONS LAST NOVEMBER HAD MADE IT NECESSARY PUT THIS ON ICE FOR TIME BEING. KHALID STRESSED THERE WERE MANY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS SUCH AS DIFFICULTY ASSEMBL SEVEN AFRICAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ANYWHERE AT ONE TIME AND VERY HEAVY BURDENS ON NIMEIRI AND HIMSELF IN KHARTOUM SINCE FIRST OF YEAR.

2. COMMENT. I GAINED IMPRESSION FROM FONMIN'S COMMENTS THAT AN EFFORT MIGHT BE MADE TO CONVENE MEDIATION COMMITTEE LATER IN YEAR PROVIDED PRESENT REDUCED TENSIONS IN AREA COUNTINUE AND POSSIBILITY SUCH MEETING MIGHT MAKE SOME PROGRESS ON UNDERLYING ISSUE THUS IMPROVED.

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